



## PART 19: BITTER-SWEET WATERS OF MARAH

### Exodus 15.22-27

1. The people were assailed by the evils of the wilderness very early in their pilgrim journey and right after a terrific victory.
2. They were intentionally led to the waters of Marah by the pillar of smoke and the angel of the Lord.

Amos 3:6 ...shall there be evil (disaster or calamity) in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

Isaiah 45:7 I (God) form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil (disaster and calamity): I the LORD do all these things.

3. This first evil experience in the wilderness touched one of the most vital areas of their lives.
4. The response of the people was to murmur – complain and grumble – against Moses and against God.
5. The response of Moses was to pray.

Ps. 107:6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

6. The response of God was grace.

Prov. 20:12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the LORD has made them both.

Gen. 21:19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

2 Kings 6:17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.



## Veterans' Parade

With flags unfurled and sound of drum  
Down dusty streets the heroes come  
Their uniforms of faded hue  
Some olive drab and some of blue  
From store fronts streams of bunting sway  
To mark this celebration day  
A day so nobly set aside  
To demonstrate a nation's pride  
In those who entered in the strife  
Some prematurely snatched from life  
And those who lived to carry home  
The scars of battle the victor's song  
What is it we are prone to ask  
That makes a man take up the task  
Of war – to live with death and pain  
Through jungle swamp and desert plain  
To sacrifice the fruits of toil  
To taste the grit of foreign soil  
To suffer death and injury  
At the hands of a faceless enemy  
An easy answer may ne'er be found  
The arguments go round and round  
Some say envy lust and greed  
Coveting things we do not need  
But the evidence it seems to me  
Points to love of liberty  
At least in these United States  
It's love of freedom that motivates  
Now hear the band play "Fife and Drum"  
As down the street these heroes come  
With springing step as if to say  
I'm proud to have served the USA.

--D. Todd